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For: **PROCESS FOR DISCRIMINATING
AND COUNTING ERYTHROBLASTS**

New York, New York
December 28, 2001

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2001, which sets forth a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing with an executed Certificate of Mailing, on or before December 28, 2001. 37 CFR 1.8.

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